

BOLD BLACKMAIL.

A Columbus Woman Receives a Threatening Letter.

Demands \$500 and Is Signed "White Hand Society."

MAKES DIRE THREATS

Says She Must Place Money by Roadside at Night.

Eugene Fair Arrested and Jailed as Guilty Party.

Columbus, Kan., Jan. 11.—As a result of an anonymous letter received by Mrs. M. E. Parmenter, residing in the suburbs of this city, Eugene Fair, well known here, is now lodged in jail, in default of bond in the sum of \$1,500. The letter received by Mrs. Parmenter commanded her to place the sum of \$500 at a designated spot, and threatened her life for failure to comply. The letter is signed "The White Hand Society," and is as follows:

"On the night of the 7th of this month, next Tuesday night, you take five hundred dollars, in five, ten and twenty dollar bills, along with this notice, and wrap it in a small package, and walk south from your house to the end of the new road leading south to your place. There you can put the package on the east end of the little culvert at the end of the road. If you fail to do as directed or try to make any trouble, by telling your people or the police, you will be killed and your house blown to pieces.

"The best thing for you to do is to go to the bank next Tuesday, get the money and not say a word to anybody, and go at exactly seven-thirty and put the money in the place mentioned, on the east end of the little culvert, and then go straight back to the house and don't say anything to anybody about it, if you value your life. Every move you make, from now until after Tuesday night, will be watched. So you had better do just as directed, or you will certainly be killed. We knew you in Ohio and know you have the ready money to spare, and that is what we have to have."

On receipt of the letter, which was put on the porch, Mrs. Parmenter put it in the hands of the Anti-Horse Thief association, and their officers authorized to make arrests secretly and themselves near the culvert last night. At the time set in the letter a lone man approached the place and began a search for the money. While in the search the officers fired a gun and demanded the man to surrender.

He did so, and when he was approached by the officers they recognized him as Eugene Fair, who is well known in Columbus.

He was lodged in jail and was arraigned in Justice Tanquary's court. His preliminary was set for today. In default of bond in the sum of \$1,500 he was committed to the jail. Fair belongs to a good family here. He is about thirty years old and is unmarried.

ASPHALT PLANT TO RESUME.

Greatly Enlarged It Will Employ More Men at Independence.

Independence, Kan., Jan. 11.—The repairs which have been in progress at the Standard Asphalt and Rubber company for the past few weeks are nearly all completed and it is expected operations will be resumed in a few days. The plant, which was destroyed by fire on the 17th instant, in anticipation of this the fires have been started under the stills.

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In the penitentiary staring him in the face. As a stripper of tobacco at the Kelley cigar factory the young man was industrious and had the confidence of his employer. He left town early Wednesday morning and had been gone only about 24 hours when his rascality came to light in the shape of several forged checks and due bills he had passed in the town.—Smith County Pioneer.

COFFEYVILLE FINANCES LOW.

A \$1,000 Difference Between November and December Receipts.

Coffeyville, Kan., Jan. 11.—Coffeyville has been running behind heavily during the past few months. The chief of police reports that he made 115 arrests, of whom only 34 were brought into court. The expense of the department amounted to \$536.70.

The police judge had 34 cases during the past month, and collected \$495.50 in fines. These figures show that the expense of running the police department cost the city about \$190 more than was collected during the month in fines.

There is almost \$1,000 difference in the receipts of the police department in November compared with those in December. This difference is believed to be largely due to the failure to collect fines from the gambling rooms in December. These rooms were each paying \$100 to the city up to November 20 on which date they paid their fines until December 20. At that time things looked so "squalid" that the gamblers did not care to run any further risks and declined to pay another month. This alone made a difference of about \$400 in the police receipts.

No Billiards for Stafford.

Stafford, Kan., Jan. 11.—The city council met in special session and passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of billiards or pool tables in any public place. This action was taken in anticipation of the opening of C. A. Sanford's smoke house, wherein it has been reported that he would install tables for free use of patrons of his place.

Killed by a Train.

Clay Center, Kan., Jan. 11.—Sloan Alstrum, a young Swede of Clay Center, was struck by an outbound Rock Island passenger train here and killed. Alstrum was known by nearly everybody in Clay county. It is unknown how the accident occurred.

Rushing Wheat to the Mills.

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WHAT THEY SAY.

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the head of the federal machine and the leader of the senate lodge that would unequivocally against every reform which the people of Kansas now are demanding. So that all told, up one side and down the other, it begins to look as though the "situation" in Kansas was this: That the Republicans of Kansas are getting ready to run their own party, even though to do so they have to defeat a most charming gentleman from Atchison.

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blunder was made when Bailey was traded for Hoch four years ago, and there is a feeling that as a matter of justice Bailey has something due him from the party in the state. But aside from personal claims Bailey over-shadowed all other candidates in qualifications for the office. Kansas never had a stronger or a cleaner governor than W. J. Bailey and the Record hopes that the convention will place his name at the head of the Republican state ticket this year.

Colby Tribune: The contest for the Republican nomination for governor has within the last week narrowed down to practically a fair square contest between ex-Governor W. J. Bailey and W. R. Stubbs. Both men have entered the contest in earnest and it will be an interesting contest. Cyrus Leland is also a candidate, but will no doubt have considerable following in the convention. One of the principal reasons put forth four years ago why Governor Bailey should not be re-nominated was that he listened too much to "Uncle Cy." As "Uncle Cy" is not on the Bailey band wagon this time the same objection can not be urged against him.

Mr. Stubbs will make the scrap of his life to land in the governor's chair and what strength he will develop is problematical. The result will be watched with interest by the people of the state. The campaign for the nomination will of necessity have to be a hurried one as the date for the state convention is only six weeks away.

Cawker City Ledger: W. R. Stubbs' announcement of his candidacy for governor meets the approval of the people of this section. Mr. Stubbs is the man for the place. He has a method of nominating candidates for office, and on this ground alone he ought to be elected. It is the biggest reform that could come to Kansas.

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Lincoln Republican: W. J. Bailey and W. R. Stubbs each got into the race for governor last week. Bailey says that he will not make a good fight for the nomination, but will accept it, if it is the desire of the Republican party that he shall be the candidate. Stubbs makes a characteristic statement as the State Journal is taking a flying leap from the top of the fence where he has perched for a week, and landed right into the midst of the fight. He lighted talking about "machines" and with a few other "ex-boss" busters will try to work up the customary amount of trouble in the ranks of the party. Both of these candidates are good citizens. Bailey made a good record as governor and would do again, if re-elected. Stubbs also will make Kansas a good governor if nominated and elected. In making the announcement of his candidacy, he issued a challenge to the "ex-boss" busters, which most citizens of Kansas will heartily agree. Individuals who admire an aggressive, abrupt and boisterous personality, will naturally follow W. J. Bailey, or rather, will follow Stubbs, while those who appreciate careful, quiet and conservative action will as naturally follow Bailey. The affairs of the state would be in good hands with either; and all the good and bad created during the next eight weeks will be the work of a lot of politicians who will hope to profit by this or that candidate.

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Downs Times: Both W. J. Bailey and W. R. Stubbs have now announced themselves for governor, the former a man of good sound principles, the latter a visionary with a very few practical ideas of government.

Wichita Beacon: "Four years ago Mr. Stubbs, aided by Curtis and the railroads, organized the 'Boss Busters' movement against Bailey, and nominated Hoch for governor. The battle cry was 'Too much Leland.' Before two years had passed, and left the Hoch camp and was working with Leland. Then Leland joined Curtis and renominated Hoch against the opposition of the railroads. Then Hoch was again and went after the railroads, who aided Leland in renominating Hoch. Then Leland switched to Curtis for United States senator, against the wishes of Bailey. Now Curtis has switched to Bailey for governor. Stubbs has gone back to Hoch and Leland, fighting Bailey and Curtis, and Hoch and Stubbs. There is no heart in politics, and the young man who follows any political leader into a factional camp for the luxury of hating against the other side, is a rank sucker. About the time his young impressions are fixed he finds his 'leader' making terms with the 'hated rival,' and urging against his interests in behalf of the 'harmony.' Stay out of it young man! Wait until the illusions of youth are past and the freshness of your heart becomes faded before meeting up with the politicians."

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Atchison Globe: All the talk among the politicians now concerns the proposed primary law. You are reasonably intelligent and you think the proposed primary law of any great importance? A good many say it is a rich man's law; that by means of it, rich politicians will have an advantage over the poor ones. All the newspapers of W. J. Bailey begin their attacks by saying: "Governor Bailey is a man of force and intelligence, and he has a good record, but then he usually follows a foolish statement that he has allied himself with the railroads, the Standard Oil company, or with the Machine, all of which charges are absolutely without foundation."

Salina Journal: The announcement of Mr. Stubbs as a candidate for governor certainly makes a favorable impression. He gets upon a platform that will appeal to the people. The people are so much interested in the fortunes of an individual as they are in the principles of government. The man who represents the people best is the man who will protect their property and labor for their interest. The campaign in Kansas this year will not rest upon the personal preference of this man or that man. It will rest upon the question of whether the people will stand for Mr. Stubbs will be assailed violently, as he has been in the past, by men who personally do not like him. They will try to prove that he is in league with his usual vigor, but eliminating the personalities, the voter when he casts his vote must cast it in favor of the policies that the candidates stand for. It is not a question as to whether he has a personal liking for ex-Governor Bailey or for Stubbs. The question is, who stands for the principles in the campaign that ought to prevail. Stubbs declares that he is for state-wide and direct primary law for the nomination of all candidates; a maximum freight rate law; a two-cent passenger fare and stringent anti-pass law; the supervision and restriction of the issuing of stocks and bonds of public service corporations; a uniform system of accounting in state offices; the abolition of the professional legislative lobbyist; and a delegation to the national convention pledged to a platform made of Roosevelt principles. It is a sound platform. It would be hard to make a better one. The last suggestion of Mr. Stubbs, namely, that he will be pleased to join the other candidates in a request to have the various committees made provision for the people to express themselves? We congratulate Mr. Stubbs on the straightforward way that he got into the fight.

Big Job to Move Caliph.

New York, Jan. 11.—The efforts of ten men, operating four derricks, were required yesterday to move the body of central park's "hippopotamus" Caliph, which died Wednesday night and whose skeleton and hide are to be mounted separately as additions to the collections in the museum of natural history.

Bank Clearings.

Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending Jan. 9 shows an aggregate of \$2,616,300 as against \$1,867,000 last week and \$3,480,942 in the corresponding week last year. Canadian clearings for the week total \$89,440,000 against \$66,736,000 last week and \$80,194,000 in the same week last year. The following is a list of the cities:

Cities	Amount.	Inc. Dec.
New York	\$1,544,945.00	21.3
Chicago	758,600.00	10.0
Boston	151,900.00	23.7
Philadelphia	130,812.00	17.0
St. Louis	85,429.00	4.9
Pittsburgh	48,435.00	12.7
San Francisco	32,646.00	28.0
Baltimore	29,000.00	1.1
Cincinnati	23,853.00	6.1
Cleveland	23,813.00	6.9
San Antonio	20,871.00	6.1
Minneapolis	22,406.00	11.9
Cleveland	18,611.00	7.3
Detroit	14,071.00	4.9
Cincinnati	11,550.00	26.9
Los Angeles	8,906.00	32.9
Omaha	11,265.00	11.1
Milwaukee	12,840.00	11.1
Seattle	8,168.00	8.6
Denver	7,820.00	16.4
St. Joseph	5,230.00	9.0
Wichita	1,294.00	9.5
Topeka	746.00	0.4
Lincoln, Neb.	1,011.00	0.4
Oklahoma	1,209.00	2.5
Houston	741.00	0.4
Galveston	21,376.00	16.6

Morgan Buys Securities.

New York, Jan. 11.—The New York Central has sold to J. P. Morgan & Co., an issue of \$30,000,000 five per cent equipment trust certificates guaranteed by the New York Central and Hudson river railroad and allied lines.

MONEY IS EASIER.

Commercial Loans Are Obtained With Little Difficulty.

Percentage of Idle Machinery Has Greatly Decreased.

RAILROADS IN MARKET

Negotiating for Rails for Delivery During This Year.

Bank Clearings in Topeka Pass the Million Mark.

New York, Jan. 11.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Sentiment has improved in response to the brighter outlook. Commercial loans being made with more freedom than at any recent date. As much projected business was only held back by inability to raise funds, the easier money market encourages expectations that postponed contracts will now be placed. The percentage of idle machinery has perceptibly decreased. Iron and steel production had fallen very low before the revival occurred output of pig iron at the beginning of this month being smaller than at any time in four years. This curtailment of output has maintained prices at a level which the average now being higher than on July 1, 1906. Several contracts for structural steel are under negotiations, but more mills are idle pending the accumulation of more business. Thus far the lower quotations for galvanized sheets and tin plate have not stimulated purchases. Numerous railways are negotiating for delivery of rails for the year 1908 and this business should be placed very soon.

Soma transactions in packer branded hides have been made at slightly higher prices than prevailed last week, with no improvement in natives, which now comprise most of the receipts. Foreign dry hides are distinctly stronger.

Bradstreet's: Financial affairs show further and marked improvement and money is more plentiful and easier to obtain, but the gain in trade and industry proper is still largely one of sentiment because business is quiet the country over, railway earnings and bank clearings are below a year ago, collections are slow, though better than a month ago, and industry is, as a whole, on short time, with the larger centers reporting a great number of unemployed. In trade lines the general report is one of backward business. Mild weather is still a bar to the widest activity in seasonal goods north and west, and retailers are stimulating lagging demand by reduction sales, and southern trade shows little more life than a week ago. Some lines report after holiday collections are better than those of December, and in some cases better than anticipated but they, in few cases, are better than slow to fair.

Evidences of the sharp curtailment, almost stagnation, that struck industry in the last quarter of 1907 are coming to light. For one thing, prices of commodities have scored the third successive monthly drop and the level is now below a year ago. Iron production fell perceptibly in the last quarter and the rate of production was cut in two in two months. Since the first of the year some resumption have occurred, but finished products are only half that ruling before the year. Business failures in the United States for the week ending January 9 number 434 against 345 last week, 283 in the like week of 1907; 256 in 1906; 295 in 1905, and 315 in 1904.

Failures in Canada this week numbered 63, as against 27 last week and 24 in this week a year ago. Wheat, including flour exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending January 9, aggregated 6,804,273 bushels against 5,119,394 last year and 3,567,710 in 1902. For the week of the fiscal year the exports are 125,889,941 bushels against 101,966,700 in 1906-7 and 125,587,484 in 1901-2.

Corn exports for the week are 1,111,874 bushels against 741,691 last week and 1,236,137 in 1907. For the fiscal year to date the exports are 26,059,243 bushels against 27,101,275 in 1906-7.

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